

# Interface between simulation and ML

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# The HEP trinity

## Theory

### Fundamental Lagrangian

- Perturbative QFT

### Standard Model vs. new physics

- Matrix elements, loop integrals

## Experiment

### Complex detector

- ATLAS, CMS, LHCb, ALICE, ...

### Reconstruction of individual events

- Big data: jet images, tracks, ...

## Precision simulations

### First-principle Monte Carlo generators

- Simulation of parton/particle-level events
- HERWIG, PYTHIA, SHERPA, MADGRAPH, ...

### Detector simulation

- Geant4, PGS, Delphes, ...

⇒ **Unweighted event samples**

# Neural networks for precision simulations

## Problems in MC simulations

- Event generation:
  - High-dimensional phase space
  - Low unweighting efficiency
  - Higher order: exponential in computing time
- Highly complex full detector simulation → very slow
- Limited resources: Precision vs. computing time

## Advantages of neural networks

- Flexible parametrisation
- Interpolation properties
- Fast evaluation
- Multiple generative models: GAN, VAE, normalizing flow

# Possibilities for ML in event generation

## Event generation

- Generating 4-momenta
- $Z > ll$ ,  $pp > jj$ ,  $pp > t\bar{t}$ +decay

[1901.00875] Otten et al. **VAE & GAN**

[1901.05282] Hashemi et al. **GAN**

[1903.02433] Di Sipio et al. **GAN**

[1903.02556] Lin et al. **GAN**

[1907.03764, 1912.08824] Butter et al. **GAN**

[1912.02748] Martinez et al. **GAN**

[2001.11103] Alanazi et al. **GAN**

## Monte Carlo integration

- Estimating matrix element
- Neural importance sampling

[1707.00028] Bendavid, **Regression & GAN**

[1810.11509] Klimek and Perelstein

[1912.11055] Bishara and Montull **Regression**

[2001.05478] Bothmann et al. **NF**

[2001.05486, 2001.10028] Gao et al. **NF**

[2002.07516] Badger and Bullock **Regression**

## Detector simulation

- Jet images
- Fast shower simulation in calorimeters

[1701.05927] de Oliveira et al. **GAN**

[1705.02355, 1712.10321] Paganini et al. **GAN**

[1802.03325, 1807.01954] Erdmann et al. **GAN**

[1805.00850] Musella et al. **GAN**

[ATL-SOFT-PUB-2018-001,  
ATL-SOFT-PROC-2019-007] ATLAS **VAE & GAN**

[1909.01359] Carazza and Dreyer **GAN**

[2005.05334] Buhmann et al. **VAE**

## Unfolding

- Detector to parton/particle level distributions

[1806.00433] Datta et al. **GAN**

[1911.09107] Andreassen et al.

[1912.0047] Bellagente et al. **GAN**

[2006.06685] Bellagente et al. **NF**

NO claim to completeness! *This talk: Focus on event generation*

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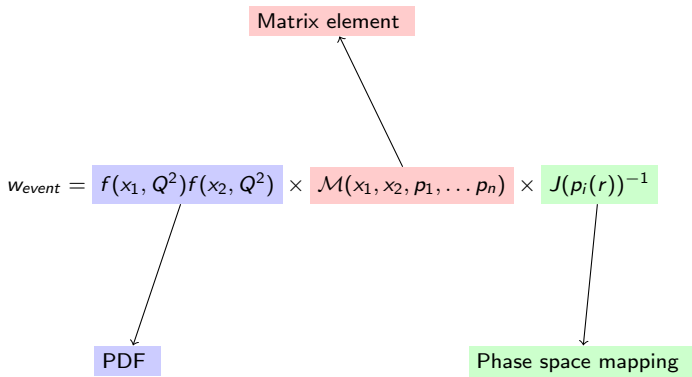
1. Generate phase space points

2. Calculate event weight

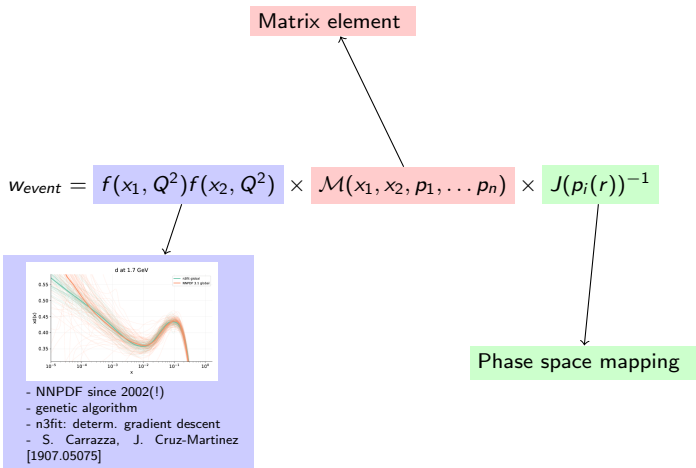
$$w_{event} = f(x_1, Q^2)f(x_2, Q^2) \times \mathcal{M}(x_1, x_2, p_1, \dots p_n) \times J(p_i(r))^{-1}$$

3. Unweighting via importance sampling  
→ optimal for  $w \approx 1$

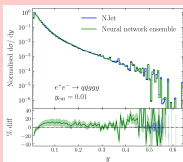
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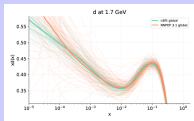


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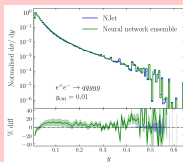


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Phase space mapping

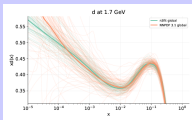


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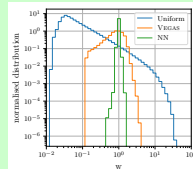


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- learn efficient phase space mapping ( $\rightarrow w \approx 1$ )
- normalizing flow
- Gao et al. [2001.10028]
- Bothmann et al. [2001.05478]

## ... or train generative network directly on events

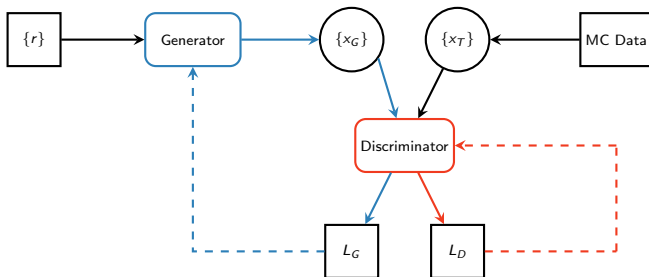
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN)
- Training data: true events  $\{x_T\}$   
Output data: generated events  $\{x_G\}$
- **Discriminator** distinguishes  $\{x_T\}, \{x_G\}$   $[D(x_T) \rightarrow 1, D(x_G) \rightarrow 0]$

$$L_D = \langle -\log D(x) \rangle_{x \sim P_T} + \langle -\log(1 - D(x)) \rangle_{x \sim P_G} \xrightarrow{D(x) \rightarrow 0.5} -2 \log 0.5$$

- **Generator** fools discriminator  $[D(x_G) \rightarrow 1]$

$$L_G = \langle -\log D(x) \rangle_{x \sim P_G}$$

⇒ **New statistically independent samples**



# Why GANs? Features, problems and solutions

- + Generate better samples than VAE
- + Large community working on GANs
- Unstable training

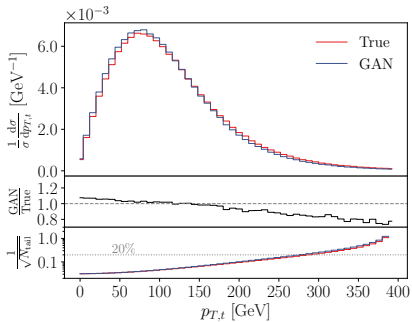
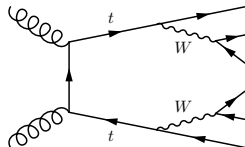
## Solutions

- Regularization of the discriminator, eg. gradient penalty [Ghosh, Butter et al., ...]
- Modified training objective:
  - Wasserstein GAN (incl. gradient penalty) [Lin et al., Erdmann et al., ...]
  - Least square GAN (LSGAN) [Martinez et al., ...]
  - MMD-GAN [Otten et al., ...]
  - MSGAN [Datta et al., ...]
  - Cycle GAN [Carazza et al., ...]
- Use of symmetries [Hashemi et al., ...]
- Whitening of data [Di Sipio et al., ...]
- Feature augmentation [Alanazi et al., ...]

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## Idea: generate hard process

- Realistic LHC final state  $t\bar{t} \rightarrow 6 \text{ jets}$  [1907.03764]
- 18 dim output [fix external mass, no mom. cons.]
- Flat observables precise
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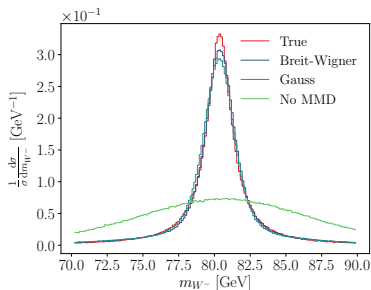
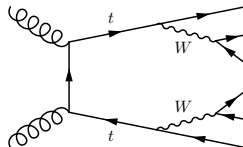


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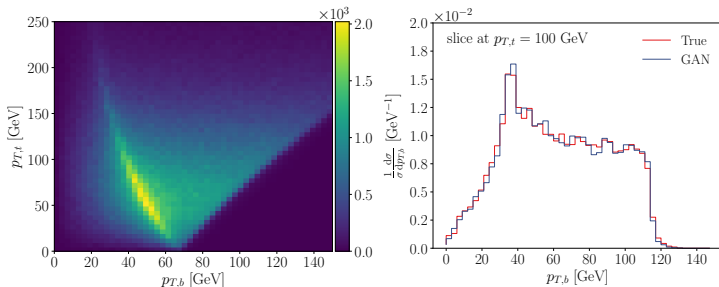
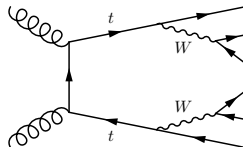
$$\begin{aligned} \text{MMD}^2(P_T, P_G) &= \langle k(x, x') \rangle_{x, x' \sim P_T} + \langle k(y, y') \rangle_{y, y' \sim P_G} \\ &\quad - 2 \langle k(x, y) \rangle_{x \sim P_T, y \sim P_G} \end{aligned}$$



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- 2D correlations



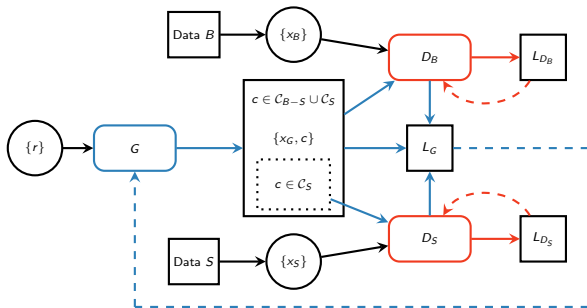
## How to GAN event subtraction

Idea: sample based subtraction of distributions [1912.08824]

- 1 Consistent multidimensional difference between two distributions
- 2 Beat bin-induced statistical uncertainty [interpolation of distributions]

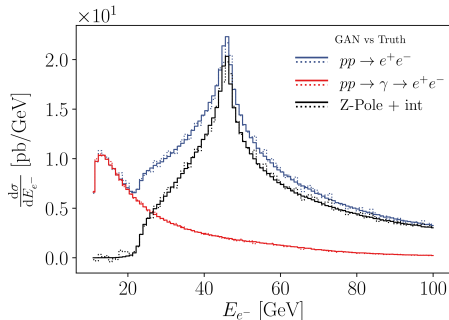
$$\Delta_{B-S} = \sqrt{n_B^2 N_B + n_S^2 N_S} > \max(\Delta_B, \Delta_S)$$

- Many applications:
  - Soft-collinear subtraction, multi-jet merging, on-shell subtraction
  - Background subtraction [4-body decays  $\rightarrow$  preserves correlations]



## Example I: Z pole

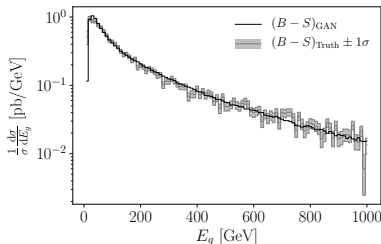
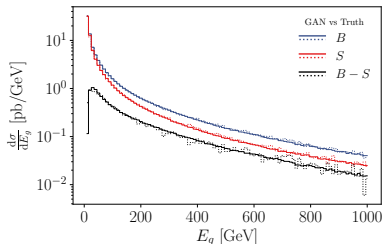
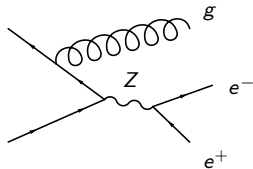
- Training data:
  - $pp \rightarrow e^+e^-$
  - $pp \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
  - 1 M events per dataset, MadGraph5
- Generated events: Z-Pole + interference





## Example II: Dipole subtraction

- Theory uncertainties  $\rightarrow$  limiting factor for HL-LHC
- Higher order: Subtract diverging Catany Seymour Dipole from real emission term
- 1 M events per dataset, SHERPA



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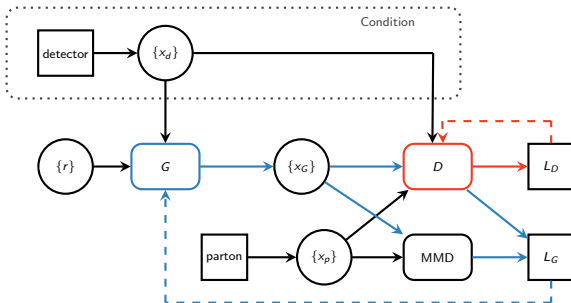
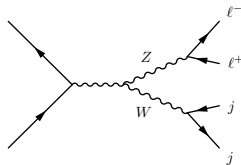
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## Detector simulation

- Typical Markov process
- Prior dependent inversion possible [Datta et al.]
- Aim: unfolding multidimensional phase space

Reconstruct parton level  $pp \rightarrow ZW \rightarrow (\ell\ell)(jj)$

- GAN: no connection between input and discr.  
→ use **fully conditional** GAN (FCGAN)

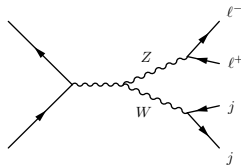


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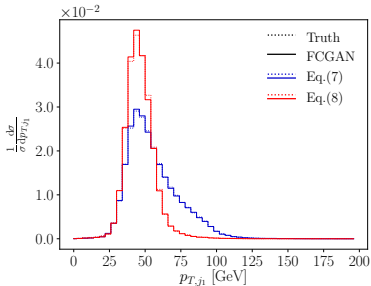
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Eq.(7) :  $p_{T,j_1} = 30 \dots 100 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\sim 88\%$ )

Eq.(8) :  $p_{T,j_1} = 30 \dots 60 \text{ GeV}$  and  $p_{T,j_2} = 30 \dots 50 \text{ GeV}$  ( $\sim 38\%$ )

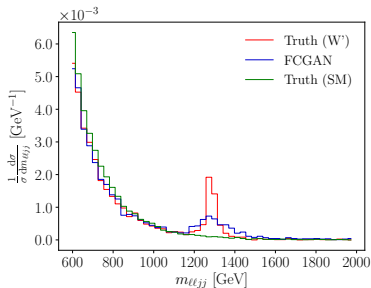
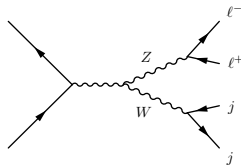


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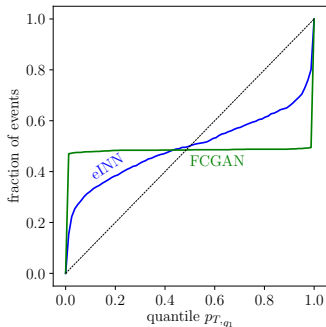
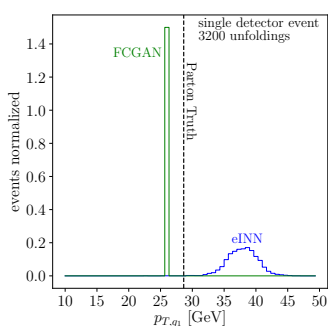
- Use **fully conditional** GAN (FCGAN)
- Inversion works ✓
- BSM injection ✓
  - train: SM events
  - test: 10% events with  $W'$  in s-channel



# Curing shortcomings with invertible structure

- cGAN calibration curves: mean correct, distribution too narrow
- INN: Normalizing flow with fast evaluation in both directions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{PYTHIA, DELPHES: } g \rightarrow & \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} x_p \\ r_p \end{array} \right) & \xleftrightarrow{\quad} & \left( \begin{array}{c} x_d \\ r_d \end{array} \right) \\ & \xleftarrow{\text{unfolding: } \tilde{g}} & \end{array}$$



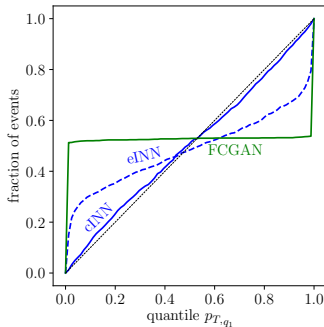
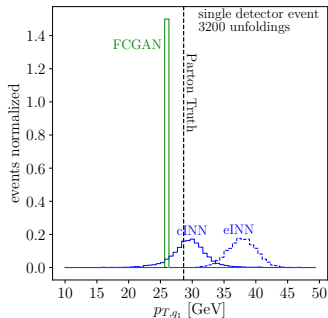
# Conditional invertible neural networks

## Condition INN on detector data [2006.06685]

$$x_p \xleftarrow[\leftarrow \text{unfolding: } \bar{g}(r, f(x_d))]{g(x_p, f(x_d)) \rightarrow} r$$

$$\text{Minimizing } L = \left\langle \frac{\|g(x_p, f(x_d))\|_2^2}{2} - \log \left| \frac{\partial g(x_p, f(x_d))}{\partial x_p} \right| \right\rangle_{x_p \sim P_p, x_d \sim P_d} - \log p(\theta)$$

→ correctly calibrated parton level distributions



# Summary

- We can **boost standard event generation** using ML
- **GANs** can learn **underlying distributions** from event samples
- Possibilities to stabilize GAN training: gradient penalty, WGAN-GP, LSGAN,...
- MMD improves performance for special features
- Successful **sample based subtraction** implemented
- Applications: background subtraction, soft-collinear subtraction, ...
- **Unfold high-dimensional** detector level distributions with cGANs and INN
- Stable under insertion of new data, proper calibration achieved by **cINN**



## Important next steps

1. Quantify uncertainties (eg. Bayesian networks)
  - including correlations
2. High precision
3. Automization
  - move away from hand engineered networks